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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

## Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A formaldehyde detecting material comprising; a tabular base material containing silica gel,

and having impregnated therein;

at least in a gas reaction zone a coloring liquid containing 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one and a buffer;

wherein said gas reaction zone being available for formaldehyde to react with said 4 amino 4-phenyl-3 one 2 one is for reacting said 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one with formaldehyde.

- 2. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 1, wherein said base material comprises a sheet formed by compressing particles of silica gel.
- 3. (original) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 1, in which said base material has a layer of silica gel at the surface thereof.
- (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim
  in which said base material comprises a sheet formed by depositing a mixture of fibers
  and silica gel particles.
- 5. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 1, in which said coloring liquid detecting material contains not less than 0.5 wt % 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one.
- (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim
  in which said buffer is provided by a phosphoric acid buffer solution.

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- 7. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 6 wherein said phosphoric acid buffer solution has a concentration of about 10 to 30 v/v %.
- 8. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 6 wherein said phosphoric acid buffer solution has a concentration of about 20 v/v %.
- 9. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 6 wherein said phosphoric acid buffer solution has a concentration of about 10 v/v %.
- 10. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one is about 0.5 to 3 wt %.
- 11. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one is about 0.5 wt %.
- 12. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one is about 1 wt %.
- 13. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 8 wherein the amount of the 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one is about 0.5 to 3 wt %.
- 14. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 8 wherein the amount of the 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one is about 0.5 wt %.
- 15. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 8 wherein the amount of the 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one is about 1 wt %.
- 16. (previously presented) A formaldehyde detecting material according to claim 9 wherein the amount of the 4-amino-4-phenyl-3-ene-2-one is about 1 wt %.